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Pattie and Jim Conant arrived about a quarter of 8:00 this morning and J[redacted] me what had been taking place on the German scene. He feels the Chancellor will do everything in his power to button up the London agreements, and will make concessions necessary to that end. However, as regards the Saar, that is a separate question, and Adenauer will have difficulty in handling the French demands.

Tomm[redacted] received word this morning of his Treasury security clearance after months of worry over the delay. This is a great relief to him and, incidentally, to me. It seems a shame that several of the young men in the Treasury should have been harassed as a result of having served in the Department at the same time as Harry White.

Admiral Bergen called on me this afternoon. In civil life he is President of Graham-Paige Motors, and is now serving two months as a Reserve Officer. He is an intimate friend of Bill Donovan and [redacted] accompanied Deputy Secretary of Defense Anderson to the Paris Conference. He asked to be briefed on the Saar situation, as well as on German productive capacity for military manufactures. I did the best I could for him.

Walter Lippmann reached Paris last night from Rome and spent a couple of hours with me this afternoon. We discussed the demise of EDC, and the London agreements, but spent most of the time on the subject of Mendès-France. I told him I believed Mendès' opponents were gravely underestimating his strength and popularity with the people. He has been implementing in France publicity techniques [redacted] similar to those used by Franklin Roosevelt in the early days of his Presidency. They have been successful, and the French people are more and more looking to him to lift national affairs out of the rut of immobilization. I said in my opinion the United States Government should give him whatever support

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it properly could just as it should to any other foreign Prime Minister who was in office. It seems to me very bad [redacted] for us ever to favor one faction or individual abroad against another. I do not, however, think Mendes will be P.M. for long

Walter believes the London understandings reflect an [redacted] important change in British foreign policy. Once again confident of themselves, they expect to watch over and preserve the balance of power on the Continent, which he considers an excellent thing for all concerned. He further believes the United States should encourage the British in this and participate less in European affairs, employing more than has been habitual in the past, diplomatic channels. Walter is in favor of a strong Brussels Treaty Organization, and thinks the British desire this even if it does entail some duplication of NATO functions. I disagreed with this point of view, and advocated increased emphasis on the NATO organization. I said it was my impression the British wished to use the Brussels [redacted] Treaty Organization as a facade and to concentrate more largely on NATO. He said I was mistaken.

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